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Today's Topics:



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From: doc.imperial.ac.uk!aixssc.ibm.co.uk!rob
Subject: Gulg Breeze Gifs.
Date: 28 Nov 91 04:39:53 GMT

From: Robert Trevelyan <rob@aixssc.ibm.co.uk>

+I have three photos GIFfed online here. Can you file request? The wildcard name
+GBREEZ*.GIF will get all three.
+
+Jim

Jim,
Thanks for the offer but I am not sure if/how I could
request the files from here as we only have a pickup/dropoff
mail service. Can you explain to how I would go about
requesting theses files. Thanks again for the offer.

Regards, Robert
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From: Jim.Speiser@p666.f100.n1010.z9.FIDONET.ORG (Jim Speiser)
Subject: Belgian UFO
Date: 27 Nov 91 15:46:53 GMT

In a message to All <24 Nov 91 23:25> Michael Corbin wrote:

MC> The following report has been provided by Jean Manfroid of the
MC> Liege University and the Institute of Astrophysics. Mr. Manfroid
MC> is a subscriber to the ParaNet digest on Internet.

MC> SCIENTISTS OF THE ASTROPHYSICAL INSTITUTE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
MC> LIEGE COMMUNICATE THE FOLLOWING REPORT ON THE SOBEPS BOOK
MC> ABOUT BELGIAN UFOS, AND AGREE TO HAVE IT DISTRIBUTED VIA PARANET.

MC> Belgian UFOs

Mike:

This is amazing. I think some skepticism of the skeptics is called for. For one thing, it was my understanding that the "spurious" radar signals were seen on three different radar scopes, including ground- and air-based. I also understand that the latest generation of radar can filter out anomalous propagation.

Furthermore, this case does not fit the pattern of spurious sightings of Venus or aircraft. Usually such sightings are isolated, and not part of a wave. I find it hard to believe that so many thousands of people misinterpreted conventional aircraft for low-flying triangular platforms with bright white lights.

If this report had limited itself to criticizing SOBEPS' treatment of the affair, I could accept it. But this case does not live or die by the (rather limited) involvement of SOBEPS. They were hardly even mentioned when the wave first began. Nonetheless, the report extrapolates from the miscues of SOBEPS to damning the whole incident.

Naturally, my mind is open to further, more comprehensive debunkings, but I don't think it would be proper at this time to lower the ParaNet rating of this case until something more definitive is forthcoming.

On the other hand, I'm glad to see that this report appeared here first! And I'm glad to see we have an open channel to Belgium!

Jim

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From: Jim.Speiser@p666.f100.n1010.z9.FIDONET.ORG (Jim Speiser)
Subject: An Interesting Development ...
Date: 27 Nov 91 16:01:08 GMT

In a message to All <26 Nov 91 13:04> ncar!wrs.com!davidj@scico wrote:

nc> From: davidj@wrs.com (David Jones)
nc> I thought that I would share some interesting information with you.
nc> A week or so ago, a friend of mine
nc> spoke with Wendelle Stevens (perhaps the
nc> premier UFO investigator of our time) at his home.  At that time,

That's the second time you've referred to Stevens that way. Tell me, why are you so enamored of him? Because he has the guts to present a woman from Venus at his conventions?

nc> is another 'whistleblower' (we need
nc> more!) and would blow the top off things.

I predict that this person will either a) never come forward,
b) will come forward with an alias, or
c) will come forward with his real name, but will be able to provide nothing in the way of evidence, either for his claims or his background.

Anyone care to make a wager?

Jim

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From: Linda.Bird@p0.f8.n1012.z9.FIDONET.ORG (Linda Bird)
Subject: Re: An Interesting Development ...
Date: 28 Nov 91 04:18:43 GMT

Hi David,

Thanks for the interesting message.  We'll just plan to keep our eyes and ears open...wider.

Best,

Linda

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From: doc.imperial.ac.uk!aixssc.ibm.co.uk!rob
Subject: Paranet Nodes in the UK
Date: 29 Nov 91 02:31:39 GMT

From: Robert Trevelyan <rob@aixssc.ibm.co.uk>

Hi,
 Can anyone tell me if there is any Paranet nodes in
 the UK either currently or planned. If there is not any
 could someone explain how one would go about becoming a
 node and how someone could get a private Paranet/Fidonet
 mail address. I would like to be able to access this service
 from home in the future (not immediate future).
 Keep up the excellent service and appologies for my ignorance
 of it.

Thanks, Robert
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From: cbmvax.cbm.commodore.com!vanth!jm
Subject: 1991 VG candidates
Date: 29 Nov 91 06:39:50 GMT

From: vanth!jms@cbmvax.cbm.commodore.com (Jim Shaffer)

In case anyone needs it to debunk alien rumors, here's the list of man-made
objects that might be approaching us next month:

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1991VG is predicted to pass Earth on December 5th.  Smart money says it's
a Saturn V booster stage.

* From Bruce Watson:

EVERYTHING ARTIFICIAL IN HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
(1991VG candidates)

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 112 59 MU   1 LUNA 1   USSR 02 JAN  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
 113 59 NU   1 PIONEER 4   US  03 MAR  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
  27 60 ALP  1 PIONEER 5   US  11 MAR  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
  80 61 GAM  1 VENERA 1  USSR 12 FEB  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
 221 62 ALP  1 RANGER 1   US  26 JAN  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
 222 62 ALP  2 RANGER 1 DEBRIS   US  26 JAN  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
 282 62 MU   2 RANGER 4 DEBRIS   US  23 APR  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
 374 62 A RHO1 MARINER 2   US  27 AUG  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
 375 62 A RHO2 MARINER 2 DEBRIS  US  27 AUG  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
 439 62 B ETA1 RANGER 5   US  18 OCT  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
 440 62 B ETA2 RANGER 5 DEBRIS   US  18 OCT  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
 450 62 B NU 2 MARS 1 DEBRIS  USSR 01 NOV  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
 785 64 016D ZOND 1   USSR 02 APR  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
 923 64 073A MARINER 3   US  05 NOV  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
 938 64 077A MARINER 4   US  28 NOV  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
 942 64 077B MARINER 4 DEBRIS  US  28 NOV  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
 953 64 078C ZOND 2   USSR 30 NOV  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
1298 65 023B RANGER 9 DEBRIS   US  21 MAR  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
1393 65 048A LUNA 6   USSR 08 JUN  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
1454 65 056A ZOND 3   USSR 18 JUL  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
1730 65 091A VENERA 2  USSR 12 NOV  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
1736 65 091D VENERA 2 DEBRIS  USSR 12 NOV  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
1841 65 015A PIONEER 6   US  16 DEC  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
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2393 66 075A PIONEER 7   US  17 AUG  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
2402 66 075C PIONEER 7 DEBRIS  US  17 AUG  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
2845 67 060A MARINER 5   US  14 JUN  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
2846 67 060B MARINER 5 DEBRIS  US  14 JUN  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
3066 67 123A PIONEER 8   US  13 DEC  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
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3759 69 014A MARINER 6   US  25 FEB  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
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3770 69 018B APOLLO 9 S-4-B   US  03 MAR  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
3837 69 030A MARINER 7   US  27 MAR  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
3845 69 030B MARINER 7 DEBRIS  US  27 MAR  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
3943 69 043B APOLLO 10 DEBRIS  US  18 MAY  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
3949 69 043D APOLLO 10 LM/ASC  US  18 MAY  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
4040 69 059B APOLLO 11 DEBRIS  US  16 JUL  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
5267 71 051B MARINER 9 DEBRIS  US  30 MAY  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
5861 72 012B PIONEER 10 DEBRIS US  03 MAR  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
6425 73 019B PIONEER 11 DEBRIS US  06 APR  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
6742 73 047A MARS 4   USSR 21 JUL  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
6776 73 053A MARS 7   USSR 09 AUG  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
7224 73 053D CAPSULE   USSR 09 AUG  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
6919 73 085A MARINER 10   US  03 NOV  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
7567 74 097A HELIUS 1  FRG  10 DEC  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
7569 74 097C HELIUS 1 DEBRIS   US  10 DEC  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
7570 74 097D HELIUS 1 DEBRIS   US  10 DEC  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
7947 75 054A VENERA 10  USSR 14 JUN  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
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 8111 75 075B VIKING 1   US  20 AUG  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
 8272 75 083B VIKING 2   US  09 SEP  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
 8582 76 003A HELIOS 2  FRG  15 JAN  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
 8583 76 003B HELIOS 2 DEBRIS   US  15 JAN  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
 8584 76 003C HELIOS 2 DEBRIS   US  15 JAN  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
10272 77 076B VOYAGER 2 DEBRIS  US  20 AUG  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
10273 77 076C VOYAGER 2 DEBRIS  US  20 AUG  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
10321 77 064A VOYAGER 1   US  05 SEP  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
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10323 77 064C VOYAGER 1 DEBRIS  US  05 SEP  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
10912 78 051B PIONEER 12   US  20 MAY  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
11003 78 078C PIONEER 13 DEBRIS US  08 AUG  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
11004 78 079A ICE    US  12 AUG  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
11020 78 084A VENERA 11  USSR 09 SEP  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
11025 78 086A VENERA 12  USSR 14 SEP  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
12927 81 105E VENERA 13  USSR 30 OCT  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
12938 81 110A VENERA 14  USSR 04 NOV  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
14104 83 053A VENERA 15  USSR 02 JUN  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
15432 84 125A VEGA 1   USSR 15 DEC  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
15447 84 125D VEGA 1 DEBRIS  USSR 15 DEC  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
15449 84 128A VEGA 2   USSR 21 DEC  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
15450 84 128B VEGA 2 DEBRIS  USSR 21 DEC  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
15464 85 001A MS-TS  JAPAN 07 JAN  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
15465 85 001B MS-TS DEBRIS JAPAN 07 JAN  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
15875 85 056A GIOTTO   ESA  02 JUL  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
15967 85 073A PLANET A JAPAN 18 AUG  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
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19282 88 058B PHOBOS 1 DEBRIS  USSR 07 JUL  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
19287 88 059A PHOBOS 2  USSR 12 JUL  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
19288 88 059B PHOBOS 2 DEBRIS  USSR 12 JUL  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
20842 90 090B ULYSSES    US  06 OCT  HELIOCENTRIC ORBIT
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Ephemerides on newly discovered asteroids and comets are posted weekly
in sci.astro.
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 *  From the disk of: | jms@vanth.uucp         | I'm in a groove now
 Jim Shaffer, Jr.     | uunet!cbmvax!vanth!jms        | -- or is it a rut?
 37 Brook Street      | jms%vanth@cbmvax.commodore.com |
 Montgomery, PA 17752 | 72750.2335@compuserve.com      | (Rush, 'Face Up')
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From: Steve.Rose@p0.f134.n109.z1.FIDONET.ORG (Steve Rose)
Subject: Re: Bill Cooper

Date: 26 Nov 91 23:32:00 GMT

JS> Shot Kennedy" theory. Even more interestingly, though, he is now
JS> backpedaling on the aliens bit, saying that its all a ruse by the
JS> government to get us to unite behind the New World Order.

Guess he likes to watch old 'Outer Limtis' reruns with Robert Culp in them.

JS> Interestingly, the caller told Cooper, "By the way, Vicki Cooper and
JS> Lars Hanson said `Hi', and to tell you that you are still the biggest
JS> liar in the world."

Luckily, the moderator let that go by without using the delay-dump button.  haha.

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From: Steve.Rose@p0.f134.n109.z1.FIDONET.ORG (Steve Rose)
Subject: Re: Omni Comments
Date: 26 Nov 91 23:32:00 GMT

In a message from Peggy Noonan to Steve Rose, it was revealed:
PN>
PN> Thanks for your reply.  Well, you raise a good point because I
PN> thought that the "offset" quote from a debunking skeptic did sort of
PN> achieve what you've described but obviously a lot of other people --
PN> correction, some other people -- think that there's no debunking at
PN> all but that unsupported stories are presented as fact without any
PN> criticism.

How could they not make the connection!?  I know that these 'news items' in the old 'Anti-Matter' were presented without judgmental references to their validity...but one could CLEARLY see the offset of each UFO or psychic presentation.  It would typically start out with the WHO WHAT WHERE aspects...but before every column was finished you would get the, "But Professor Whackenhut from the Kiss My Core Institute disagrees, saying...".  It was clearly a debunking effort on every occasion.  Yet, I assuuuuuuumed that this was normal for Omni, who at the time was presenting itself as more of a commercialized scientific magazine for us lay people.  In that light, I thought they were trying to cast any reported paranormal activities in a less than believable light...because of the unscientific nature of those claims.

PN> (by the way, it's black pages now instead of red) still asks

Hmmph.  I can recall the days of Silver or Gold Continuum pages on a doubly-thick issue.   Price of paper and ink that high?    ;-)

 PN> for "offset quotes" from reputable people who disagree with the claims
 PN> of the interviewee or story.  It's not a full debunking because it
 PN> doesn't take apart the whole story, but it does offset the claim.  The
 PN> reader then can take either side he feels is more persuasive.

Yeah...but the trouble with simply saying that a 'Professor Whackenhut disbelieves the report' is simply that his statement is judged on the merits of his title or experience with *like* phenomena.  Such an offset offers little if any conter-evidence, and the reader is left feeling cheated because there was NO support for any debunking.  One would simply get a "We see these nuts cases all day long" white-wash.

 PN> In fact, the question you raised is something people here have
 PN> suggested be added to OMNI -- a feature in which at least one story
 PN> would be taken apart by a skeptic, point by point.

Alright!  Now there's some meat on dem bones.  :)

 PN> Of course you know what the magazine's answer to your question
 PN> would be:  buy OMNI and see! <g> Thanks for adding your comments

Well, after my ten year subscription run ended, I found little incentive to return.  Guess my computering and work kept that from happening. ;-)

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From: Jim.Greenen@f29.n363.z1.FIDONET.ORG (Jim Greenen)
Subject: Author
Date: 27 Nov 91 15:00:00 GMT

 * Replying to a message originally to Linda Bird
 DE> Linda Bird;
 DE>
 DE>  > What can you tell me about an author named Keith Thompson?  I saw a book
 DE>  > of his called Angels and Aliens."  I can't recall who he is and he is
 DE>  > not an author that all of us have mentioned before (to my knowledge).
 DE>  > Is he reliable?  reputable?  a crackpot?
 DE>
 DE> Linda, I will be meeting Keith on the Larry King Live show

DE> on CNN on November 22nd. You can make your mind up about it then.......
DE>
DE> Don

Don; saw your show, as usual you did a good job. Maybe a bit on the conservative side but all and all a jolly good show. I thoyght Keith was out in left field and wrote the book to make a buck. I don't think he did that much research or his position would be different.

You will have a letter forth coming that you might be interested in. It is not UFO related but deals in the subject we discussed a couple of weeks ago on the phone about a certain individual and his claims. 73'S ---JIM---

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From: John.Hicks@f29.n363.z1.FIDONET.ORG (John Hicks)
Subject: Belgian UFO
Date: 28 Nov 91 08:18:01 GMT

> The following report has been provided by Jean Manfroid of the Liege

*Very* interesting. Note that the "object" filmed over Mexico City during last summer's eclipse that Wendelle Stevens was so excited about also appears to have been Venus.

jbh

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From: John.Hicks@f29.n363.z1.FIDONET.ORG (John Hicks)
Subject: Gulf Breeze Sentinel buy-out
Date: 28 Nov 91 08:25:02 GMT

The Gulf Breeze Sentinel was purchased by Gannett from Duane Cook. The purchase was announced in the Sentinel a couple of weeks ago.

Gannett also publishes the Pensacola News-Journal, which has frequently taken

the Ed Walters case to task.
  I understand that the purchasers were badgering Cook to sell, so finally he named an exorbitant price. They said yes, so he got to thinking about it and raised his price, and the purchasers then agreed to that.
  So Cook is not associated with the Sentinal any more.
  Lest anyone automatically read anything sinister into the purchase, that's simply the way Gannett operates. They buy up the competition. Plus, daily circulation is declining while community weekly circulation is increasing, so they're covering all the bases.
  The Sentinel is now filled with handout Health articles and big Homes Tour articles; not a peep about ufos except that they published a letter from Don Ware which expressed his concern.
  Another local weekly, The Islander, apparently is now publishing ufo stories. I haven't found out where exactly it's published or who publishes it yet, but I will and I'll probably subscribe to it.

jbh

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From: Andre.Eichner@f10.n245.z2.FIDONET.ORG (Andre Eichner)
Subject: Mysterises Flugobject rast auf die Erde zu...
Date: 23 Nov 91 19:47:00 GMT

Hallo Clark!
I've read the following article from a Berlin newspaper.
Sorry, for the bad format, it's the input from a handy scanner and ocr-soft.
I hope sombody can translate it for me.

*****begin******
BM/SAD Los Angeles 20.  Nov.
Eine       unheimlche     Begegnung
der        deitten Art
steht   den Menschen im  naechsten Monat bevor.
Ein Mysterioeses       Flugobjekt aus
dem    All  kommt   auf die Erde zu.
Zur Zeit ist es noch 1,9 Millionen
Kilometer von uns entfernt.  Sei-
nem Kurs nach wird es relativ na-
he an unserein Planeten  vorbeiflie-
gen.
  "Wir wissen nicht was es ist",
sagt Brian Marsden, der Direktor
des Zentralbueros      "International
Astronimical Union"  in Cam-
bridge/      Massachusetts.  "Vielleicht

wissen es die Millitaers und ver-
schweigen es.Ansonsten weiB
niemand, was es ist. Das unbekannte Flugobjekt wird nach Be-
rechnungen amerikanischer Wis-
senschaftler in der Nacht zum 5.
Dezember an der Erde vorbeifliegen
Nach, bisherigen Erkenntnissen
ist es etwa elf Meter breit. Am
5. November hatte der Astrono
James Scotti von der University
of Arizona das mysterioese Objekt
entdeckt.
Steve Ostro vom Nasa-Labor
Pasadena sagt dazu: "Es ist einer
der kleinsten Asteroiden, die je-
mals entdeckt wurden - wenn es
ein Asteroid ist..." Paul Chodas
von der Nasa in Pasadena meint
ebenfalls, das Objekt koenne ein
Asteroid sein. Moeglicherweise ist
es jedoch auch eine Apollo-Rake-
te, die vor 20 Jahren ins All geschossen wurde.
Theoretisch kann das Ufo eine
Apollorakete sein.
Denn einige der
Antriebsraketen fuer die Raumkapseln wurden zwischen
1968 und 1972 am Mond vorbeigeschossen.

Sie verlieBen das Schwehrkraftfeld der Erde und traten in eine Um-
laufbahn um die Sonne ein.
Der meiste Raumfahrtschrott be-
findet sich in einer Umlaufbahn
um die Erde. Das mysterioese Ob-
jekt hingegen fliegt um die Sonne.
Seine Bahn ist weitlaeufiger und
elliptischer als die der Erde. Daher
tipppen Wissenschaftler darauf,
daB es sich um ein Raumschiff handelt.
Keiner der Asteroiden,
die bisher der Erde nahegekommen sind,
haben eine derartige Umlaufbahn gehabt.
Sollte es ein
Asteroid sein, handelt es sich um
einen bisher unbekannten Typ.
Gelegentlich stoBen Steroiden mit der ERde zusammen.
So gibt es wissenschaftliche Theorien, nach
denen ein massiver Asteroidenein-
schlag einst eine Klimaveraende-
rung ausgeloest hat, durh die die
Dinosaurier ausstarben.
Das mysterioese Flugobjekt wird
unseren Planeten in einem Ab-
stand von 500 000 Kilometern pas-
sieren. Nach astronomischen Kate-

gorien bedeutet das: "Zusammen-
stoB knapp verfehlt"'. Vielleicht ist
es ein Asteroid, vielleicht Apollo-
Schrott. Fuer Menschen mit viel
Phantasie koennten es auch kosmi-
sche Zwerge auf Erkundungsreise
sein. Joerg Strey
*******end********

cheers
Andre

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From: Peggy.Noonan@p0.f150.n30163.z1.FIDONET.ORG (Peggy Noonan)
Subject: Omni ONLINE
Date: 29 Nov 91 18:45:00 GMT

> I just suggested Fido since it would have the widest
>potential circulation. Here on ParaNet would be good too, if Mike's willing.
> Otherwise...... Maybe they could just appoint (and pay, maybe) someone to
>participate in the various echos on behalf of the magazine.
>That'd be workable as long as that participation didn't get too commercial.
> I just don't think there'd be enough participation to cover
>the costs of a pay service. Right now on issuesforum's ufo

Good thought, John, about ParaNet, if Mike is willing, as you say, and also the participation idea is attractive to yours truly. I'll pass this along and see if there are any nibbles. Sure would be nice, wouldn't it! Like a chocoholic being subsidized for testing Valentine candy boxes! ;-)

Of course, if their idea was that "callers" (for lack of a better term at the moment) would be able to get answers to questions about previously published or in-progress stories in the magazine, then there'd be an inevitable delay while the "participant" (again for lack of a better term -- the Omni rep online in the FidoNet or ParaNet echoes) checked back with the main office and got the answers to the questions, then relayed them to the network. It'd be more efficient if they could arrange it in-house, where they already have access to all the materials, seems to me... but, on second thought, there'd still be some delay time for research anyway, wouldn't there, so maybe it wouldn't make that much difference after all. I like this idea better and better!

About the pay service participation, I was surprised to find when I went back to CIS this week after an absence and checked the UFO portion of IssuesForum that there were so few messages. Where'd

everybody go?  It was pretty lively there for a while -- to the
point that responding to messages was costing me a bunch but was
also stretching the old brain cells into new and more flexible
shapes -- but now there are tumbleweeds blowing down the main
street and ghosts peeking out of the windows.  Strange!  Is this a
holiday-related thing, do you think, where people get busy over the
holiday season and drop out for a while but come back later?  If so,
maybe they'll return; if not, could be serious.

Have you been doing this -- the UFO boards -- long enough to
note any kind of seasonal variation in participation?  That could
make a difference to OMNI's scheduling plans, if they should go
ahead with this idea.  You wouldn't want to launch when nobody's
home!

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From: Peggy.Noonan@p0.f150.n30163.z1.FIDONET.ORG (Peggy Noonan)
Subject: Re: Omni Comments
Date: 29 Nov 91 19:09:00 GMT

>Yeah...but the trouble with simply saying that a 'Professor Whackenhut
>disbelieves the report' is simply that his statement is judged on the
>merits of his title or experience with *like* phenomena.  Such an offset
>offers little if any conter-evidence, and the reader is left feeling
>cheated because there was NO support for any debunking.  One would
>simply get a "We see these nuts cases all day long" white-wash.

You make a good point about the format of the offset quote (in fact,
you make many good points but I won't address each as time is short
today), and the judging Prof. Wackenhut's comments on his
title or experience with similar topics.  I don't know how other
writers do it, but I try to get a quote which will give a specific
reason for disbelief, something like (example only, not literally:)

"I found Paran Ormal's conclusions to be completely
unsubstantiated because he says that these objects are
linked to the time of King Solomon by their Semitic alphabet
when in fact that alphabet he uses in his example was not
used by those people at that time..."

Or

"The claim that Bigfoot was sighted and shot north of the
Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco shortly after World War
II is completely incredible because the military unit that
supposedly was involved in the shooting was not stationed
there at that time.

You get the idea...

But, there are other considerations editors must take into

account...space available, importance of the response relative to the punchiest parts of the story, and a bunch of other complicated stuff that separates the editors from us lowly writers <grin> so maybe the writer originally included something that got cut in the process of putting the thing into print.

If they *could* go to that column idea we talked about, with a point-by-point critique of one story per issue, then at least one Prof Wackenhut would have his say. (Imagine how disappointed the Wackenhuts of the world must be, too, when they've given a really good and incisive rebuttal only to see it end up on the cutting room floor.)

I'll relay your latest comments, too. They're very good.

Thanks!

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Subject: To Mike Corbin
Date: 30 Nov 91 04:45:00 GMT

> I have tried off and on to send you computer mail for
> a couple months and they don't get there apparently.
> Could you mail me your US mail address and I'll send
> you a letter?

You can also send me e-mail to mcorbin@teal.csn.org, or you can write me at:

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Subject: Gulg Breeze Gifs.
Date: 30 Nov 91 04:46:00 GMT

> From: Robert Trevelyan <rob@aixssc.ibm.co.uk>

>         Thanks for the offer but I am not sure if/how I could
>         request the files from here as we only have a pickup/dropoff
>         mail service. Can you explain to how I would go about
>         requesting theses files. Thanks again for the offer.

If you can uudecode them, I will netmail them to you Robert.

Let me know.

Mike

P.S.  Send your reply to me at mcorbin@csn.org.

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